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AMEMBASSY SANTO DOMINGO

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SUBJECT: PRESS CONFERENCE BY SECRETARY GENERAL OF OAS

"DURING MY FIRST YEAR AS SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES I HAVE SEEN GROWING INTEREST ON THE PART OF THE UNITED STATES IN PARTICIPATING IN AND CONTRIBUTING MORE TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF WESTERN HEMISPHERE NATIONS," DECLARED MR ALEJANDRO ORFILA AT A PRESS CONFERENCE ON THE EVE OF HIS JULY 28 DEPARTURE FOR SANTO DOMINGO AFTER A FOUR-DAY VISIT TO HAITI.

RESPONDING TO A QUESTION ABOUT CHANGES IN AMERICAN ATTITUDES TOWARD THE HEMISPHERE, THE SECRETARY GENERAL OBSERVED THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER'S SPEECH IN CARACAS "MARKED THE BEGINNING OF A NEW POLICY TOWARD LATIN AMERICA. LATER, IN SANTIAGO, THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION, HEADED BY MR. KISSINER, PLAYED A DYNAMIC, CONSTRUCTIVE AND EFFECTIVE ROLE, PRESENTING CLEAR POSITIONS ON MANY ISSUES." MR ORFILA NOTED THAT THIS DOES NOT MEAN THAT THE UNITED STATES AND THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM AGREED ON ALL THE QUESTIONS, "BUT IT DID DEMONSTRATE GREAT INTEREST IN TAKING POSITIONS AND OFFERING SOLUTIONS TO PROBLEMS."

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NATIONS OF THE HEMISPHERE HAVE INITIATED "A NEW DIALOGUE, ONE

WITHOUT PATERNALISM AND UNDESIRABLE INFLUENCES, ONE BASED ON
DIGNITY AND MUTUAL RESPECT WHICH WILL BE FRUITFUL AND PRODUCTIVE
FOR ALL THE MEMBERS."
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